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December 5, 1974

STAT MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Chief Executive Staff, DDI

SUBJECT : CIA Seminar on the Arab Oil Producers

The seminar on Arab oil producers held at [redacted] STAT
STAT [redacted] on November 25-26 went quite well. The seventeen CIA officers who participated brought a wide range of expertise to this complicated problem and each, I believe, left with some new ideas and perspectives. The informal
STAT atmosphere of [redacted] plus the opportunity to focus on a single problem free from the distractions common to headquarters, STAT contributed greatly to the seminar's success.

This was the first seminar organized [redacted] problem rather than a single country. There were no organizational or substantive problems that would preclude a similar approach in the future. I recommend that the "problem" approach be considered in the future. The fullness of the agenda and currency of the topic resulted in lively discussions that continued long after the formal sessions ended.

The first session focused on economic matters. The expert contributions of [redacted] from OER STAT laid the foundation for all subsequent discussions. The participation of DDO officers throughout the seminar proved invaluable. Although no current area chief of station could
STAT attend, both [redacted] from DDO had served
STAT [redacted]

Each participant valued the opportunity to meet their counterparts from other agency offices and profited from the exchange of ideas. All, I think, would join me in recommending that more of these seminars be held.

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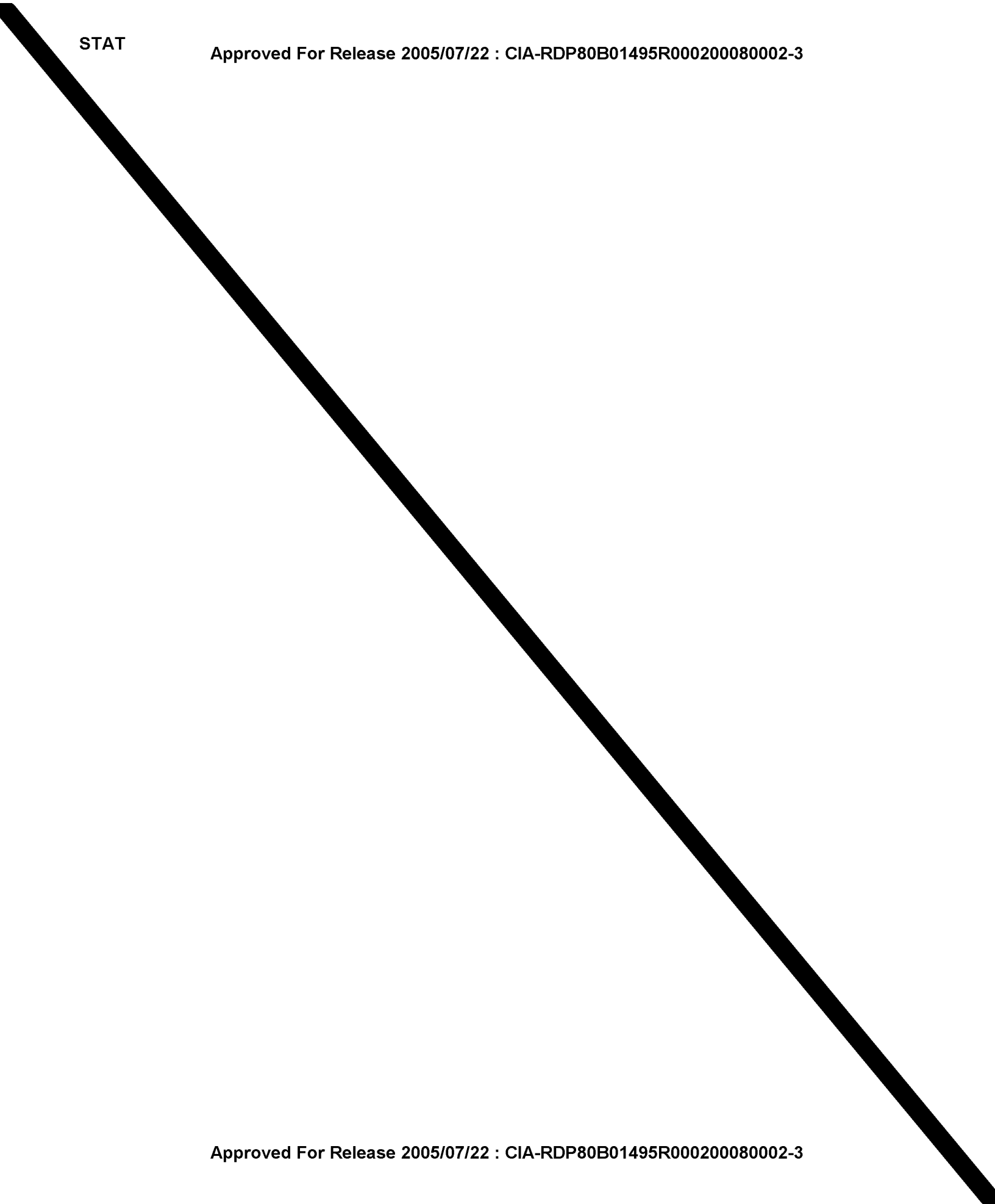

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: CIA Country Seminar on the Arab Oil Producers

1. As you know, the seminar on the Arab oil producers and the politics of oil is to be held on 25-26 November at [redacted] STAT
STAT [redacted] I hope you will be able to participate.

2. I am attaching the agenda worked up by [redacted] of OCI STAT
in consultation with others who will attend (Attachment A). Reservations for your accommodations for the evening of 25 November have
STAT been made at [redacted] (Attachment B). I suggest you arrive
STAT at [redacted] between 1200 and 1230 on 25 November in order to have lunch before your first session. Meals have been arranged at the dining hall at Site A.

3. For your information, I am enclosing a list of participants (Attachment C). You may wish to contact some of the others concerning car pool arrangements.

4. In case of emergency, your family or office could reach you
STAT via [redacted] If you have any questions,
STAT don't hesitate to call me on [redacted] I hope you have an interesting
STAT and worthwhile time [redacted]

[redacted] STAT

Chief
DDI Executive Staff

Attachments: as stated

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